

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 395

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Guy and Claudine Pinckley upon receiving the 2009 Ovation Award for the Best Corporate Citizens.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Guy and Claudine Pinckley are two such noteworthy individuals, who were recently honored with the Cumberland Business Journal's 2009 Ovation Award for being the Best Corporate Citizens; and

WHEREAS, an annual recognition program, the Ovation Awards call attention to outstanding businesses, professionals, industries, nonprofits, agencies, and individuals in the Cumberland Business Journal readership area; and

WHEREAS, after considering countless excellent candidates from across the Upper Cumberland region, the judges selected Guy and Claudine Pinckley as the Best Corporate Citizens and Individual Philanthropists; and

WHEREAS, during the past century, few people have made as significant an educational impact on Fentress County as Guy and Claudine Pinckley; and

WHEREAS, serving as frontrunners in the establishment of the Fentress County Higher Education Center in Jamestown, the Pinckleys have paved the way for Fentress County youth and adults to more affordably and efficiently further their education; and

WHEREAS, while providing the primary financial resources to establish the Fentress County Higher Education Center, Mr. and Mrs. Pinckley also pioneered the Dual Credit program at both York Agricultural Institute and Clarkrange High School; the program allows qualifying

juniors and seniors to attend classes at the local college at no cost, a service which no other county in Tennessee has yet been able to provide; and

WHEREAS, a much admired leader in education, Claudine Pinckley currently stands as Chairman of the Foundation Board for Roane State Community College and is continually striving to improve the higher education system for the citizens of Fentress County and the surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, the individual who nominated Mr. and Mrs. Pinckley for this prestigious award wrote on the nomination, "Through their generosity, their steadfastness, and their desire to improve the quality of life for others, the Pinckleys have assumed an invaluable position among the people for progress in Fentress County"; and

WHEREAS, Guy and Claudine Pinckley are exemplary citizens of this great State, working tirelessly to improve the quality of education in Fentress County and to make higher education more accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, the Pinckleys are most deserving of the Ovation Award for their outstanding service, and they should be specially honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Guy and Claudine Pinckley of Fentress County upon their receipt of the Cumberland Business Journal's 2009 Ovation Award for being the Best Corporate Citizens, commend them for their laudable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, honor their myriad of accomplishments, and wish them every success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.